

PROCLAMATION ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WEEK APRIL 12-18, 2009

WHEREAS, environmental education will be promoted during Environmental Education Week in K-12 classrooms, university campuses and informal settings such as nature centers, zoos, aquariums and museums; and

WHEREAS, collaborative efforts will increase the amount of environmental education taking place in America's classrooms prior to Earth Day, while promoting the value and opportunities resulting from year-long environmental education and stewardship; and

WHEREAS, environmental education bolsters core environmental literacy in our K-12 students by featuring actual grade-appropriate "e-literacy" goals and content standards; and

WHEREAS, environmental education will encourage schools to partner with local museums, nature centers, zoos, science centers, aquariums and local parks; and

WHEREAS, Environmental Education Week, coordinated by the National Environmental Education Foundation in cooperation with hundreds of outstanding environmental education organizations, associations and agencies, provides an annual opportunity for local participation in schools and various education centers across North Dakota.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 12-18, 2009, **ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

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